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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, IZ, IR

SUBJECT: KURDISH LEADER'S CONCERNS

REF: TEHRAN 476

1. IN LAST MEETING WITH NEA/ARN COUNTRY DIRECTOR DRAPER, BARZANI EXHIBITED AS MUCH EMOTION AS DRAPER HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT PRESSURES BEING APPLIED BY IRANIAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST IDRIS BARZANI. HE ALLEGED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE BLAMING IDRIS FOR THE CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS. BARZANI ASSERTED THAT IDRIS MIGHT SHORTLY BE PUT IN A FORM OF HOUSE ARREST, INTENDED TO KEEP HIM REMOVED FROM CONTACT WITH THE IRAQI KURDISH COMMUNITY GENERALLY. BARZANI SAID HE SUSPECTED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE DOING THIS IN ORDER TO INTIMIDATE THE COMMUNITY INTO COMPLYING WITH THE IRANIAN RESTRICTIONS ON CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS.

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2. BARZANI AT ONE POINT ALMOST SHOUTED THAT, IF THE IRANIANS PUT IDRIS INTO JAIL, HE WOULD THEN GO TO IRAQ. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RATHER BE HUMILIATED BY THE IRAQIS THAN BY THE IRANIANS.

3. BARZANI VOLUNTEERED--IN ANOTHER ALTERATION OF HIS CUSTOMARY BEHAVIOR--THAT HE WAS IN CONSIDERABLE PHYSICAL PAIN

AND DISCOMFORT. HE PHILOSOPHIZED THAT HE MAY NOT HAVE TOO
MUCH TIME LEFT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING ON BEHALF OF THE
KURDISH COMMUNITY IN IRAQ. CHRISTOPHER

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